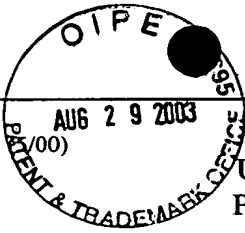


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This is a **request for continued examination** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (RCE) of pending application Serial No. 09/342,017, filed on June 28, 1999, entitled **CONNECTOR ELEMENT WITH A SEALING PART.**

The following constitute the submission **required** by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a) and is attached:

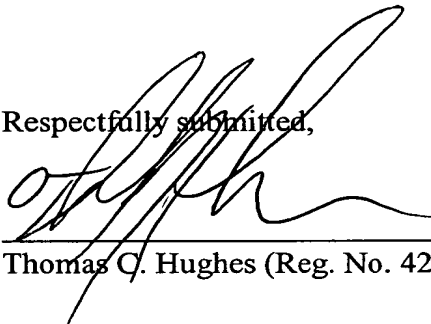
- ☒ Amendment
☐ Information Disclosure Statement
☐ Drawing Changes
☐ Other Submission: _____

1. The filing fee for this RCE and the required amendment/submission is calculated below. The fee below is calculated based on the status of the claims after the entry of the attached amendment/submission. The fee for any new additional claims is included with this RCE, the fee for previously entered additional claims having already been paid.

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	MINUS	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT NUMBER EXTRA*	RATE (\$) PER CLAIM	FEE (\$)
BASIC FEE						750.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	19		20	0	18.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4		3	1	84.00	84.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					280.00	0.00
				Must be zero or larger	TOTAL	834.00
If Applicant is a small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.						SMALL ENTITY TOTAL

2. Please charge the required RCE and submission filing fee of **\$834.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
3. Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time in which to file a response to the Final Office Action mailed, April 30, 2003, for which a response period expiring on July 30, 2003 was set. The extended period expires on August 30, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extension fee of **\$110.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of fees, including any additional fees associated with this communication or arising during the pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
5. A duplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



Dated: August 29, 2003

By:

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